

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MARCH 23, 2025

# ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

- Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod -

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## Today's Worship

Order of worship:

Matins - p. 219

Hymns:

560, 760, 579

***Ushers serving in March:*** John Wohltman & B.J. Voelker

Reserve: Dennis Stuemke

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**We welcome our visitors** in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We pray that your time of worship with us today will be a blessing to you. Please introduce yourself to our members and our pastor. If you are interested in learning more about Zion, membership, or our teachings, please don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Manley or an Elder.

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## In Our Prayers This Week

***Comfort for the family of Todd Luedtke***

**In need of healing:** Dean Biggs, Karly Brummer (leukemia), Heather Davis (cancer), Steve Flood (knee), Lillian Grobengieser, Luke Grobengieser (hip), Janice Heiden (lung cancer), Pastor Heimgartner, Emma Probst (bacterial meningitis), Nancy Schroeder (recovery), Steve Voelker, Catherine Zumwalt (cancer)

**Receiving skilled care:** Lucille Beccue (LCC), Bernice Graumenz (LCC), Shirley Siddens (LCC), Judy Stuemke (LCC), Mildred Wolf (LCC)

**Serving in the military:** Cole Stuemke, Brandon Voelker

**Imprisoned:** Alex Beccue

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**Happy Birthday** this week to Steve Suckow on Wednesday (3/26),  
Graham Murray on Thursday (3/27), and Sam Stuemke on Friday (3/28)

## Upcoming March Birthdays

John Manley (03/30)

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries\*

Rick & Michelle Conway\* (04/04), Bert Siebert (04/14),  
Zion Lutheran Church\* (04/16 - 132 years), Dalton Roedl (04/18), Naomi  
Murray (04/22), Dwayne & Christy Beccue\* (04/23), LaShay Suckow (04/27)

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## ALIS News/Upcoming Events:

Tues., Apr. 15 – PTL Meeting – 7PM

Thurs., Apr. 17 – Sun., Apr. 26 – Easter Break

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**The Zion Fellowship Committee** wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the 2nd Annual Zion Pancake and Sausage Breakfast by coming out to eat. A special thank you to all the volunteers that planned, baked, set up, worked the breakfast and helped with clean-up after the benefit.

**Mid-Week Lenten Service** will be held at Zion on Wed., March 26, at 7PM.

**LCC Executive Committee Meeting** will be held on Mon., March 31, at 7 PM.

**Pro-Life March-Altamont area Lutherans for Life** will sponsor a free bus to the Illinois March for Life on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Springfield. The bus will leave the back parking lot of Immanuel Lutheran Church at 7:30 AM. Bring a sack lunch or food will be available at Trinity Lutheran Church for a small fee. Sign up sheets, are in the narthex at the church or you can call the office here at Immanuel at 618-483-6395 to reserve a spot. The bus will return to the parking lot at Immanuel by 5:30 PM.

**THRIVENT CHOICE** Consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School. If you have funds available from 2024, the deadline to designate is March 31, 2025. ALIS received \$6,597 last year from Thrivent. Call 800-847-4836 (1-800-Thrivent) or direct them online at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com).

**LCC Congregational Service/Pastors' Bake-Off** – Zion members are invited to attend a Service of Scripture and Songs on Sunday, April 6, at 2:30 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, Shumway. Refreshments will be served after the service along with a "Pastoral Bake-Off." ***Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you will be attending.***

**165<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - St. John Lutheran Church, Dieterich** will have a special worship service on Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 10:00 am in celebration of 165 years of ministry. Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, former President of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN will be the guest preacher. A luncheon will follow the service for all present.

**ALIS Teaching Position For 2025-2026** - Full-time 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. Interested candidates can send their resume and references to Altamont Lutheran Interparish School, 7 South Edwards Street, Altamont IL 62411. Email [robiflach@alisrockets.com](mailto:robiflach@alisrockets.com). Additional information and job description can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

### ***Thought for the week...***

**Luke 11:21–22** – **“When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.”** Jesus is stronger than Satan and He disarms him for us. But Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have none to fear.

### **Stay Connected with the Central Illinois District**

CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

CID's Gatepost (newsletter) <http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>

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**ATTENDANCE**

03/15

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**OUR CURRENT GIVING**

Weekly amount needed:	\$ 1,300.00
(ALIS tuition per week = \$710)	
Received 03/15	\$ 962.00
Received YTD:	\$ 9,624.00
Difference in actual needed YTD:	\$ -4,676.00
Missions budget goal:	\$ 2,000.00
Received 03/15	\$ 0.00
Missions received YTD:	\$ 200.00



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**The following Lectionary Summary**, provided by the LCMS, serves as a guide to help understand the theme of the readings for each Sunday as well as how they fit into the particular season of the Church Year.

***Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man***

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

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**Coles County Barbershop Concert** - You are invited to the Coles County Barbershop Chorus Lenten Concert on Sunday, April 6 at 4PM at the Mattoon First Baptist Church, 1804 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Mattoon, IL. The concert will be one hour of sacred and gospel songs sung by the barbershop chorus, quartets and ensembles. Admission is free and a free will offering will be taken. Every penny raised will be given to area food pantries and homeless shelter programs. Additional information is posted on the bulletin board.

**KFUO - 850AM / KFUO.org** – Programs are archived for 24/7 on-demand listening **Issues, Etc.** broadcasts live weekdays from 3:05 to 5:00 P.M. Central.

**BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Ecclesiastes. You can listen on-demand at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**Bulletin Announcements** Please contact Tonya Suckow to submit bulletin announcements. You may E-mail [zion.altamont@gmail.com](mailto:zion.altamont@gmail.com) or call/text 618-780-7732. Please submit announcements by 12 P.M. on Friday.